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## News and Events



### Glory of Failure Colloquium

*"If you want to be successful, you need the courage to risk failing. Doing nothing means you'll avoid failure, but it will also mean you'll avoid success."*

Failure can be very painful, but overcoming it can make you a stronger person. It can teach you how to do things better. It can help you adapt and, ultimately, enable you to go beyond your original ambition and thrive.

In a response to these challenges, the Glory of Failure (GoF) programme, one of the FRSA projects coming out of the November 2007 RSA Networks launch is holding a colloquium on **Tuesday 15 September**. This is intended as the first step to a better understanding of the concept of failure. [Read more](#)



### Can You Make a Real Difference in the East Midlands?

Come and engage in an 'Open Space' event to develop initiatives so that East Midlands Fellows can contribute to their local communities and serve as catalysts for positive social change.

There will also be an opportunity to learn about **Hill Holt Wood Social Enterprise** and meet like-minded Fellows. If you have wondered how you can use your skills and experience to further the objectives of the RSA, this event on **1 October 2009** is the one for you. [Read more](#)



### Helensburgh Heroes Project & Premiere

Helensburgh Heroes is a Scottish registered charity that has been created by local people and is led by Phil Worms FRSA. It is an inspirational project started by Phil which aims to connect individuals to their community through their physical, cultural, emotional, intellectual and spiritual aspects. The charity has recently created the band "Helensburgh Heroes Experience" and after 7 months of rehearsals, the charity are now ready to premiere the Helensburgh Heroes 'Live Aid' style recording of David Bowie & Brian Eno's iconic 'Heroes' song.

The event will be held on **Saturday 1 August 2009**. For more information on the project, the premiere and how it can inspire communities, please [read more](#).



### Village SOS

#### Do you have an idea that could help regenerate rural communities?

BBC One & The Lottery have teamed up to inspire a UK rural revival. They are determined to help six rural villages to regenerate their communities through new business ventures. The search is on for six enterprising and visionary individuals to become 'Village Champions' working with the villages to help achieve their ambitions of starting a successful rural business.

The ethos of regenerating communities is at the heart of the RSA's agenda and RSA Fellows have been asked to apply if they feel they are suitable. Fellows have been invited to apply so for more information [read more](#).



### Fellow's Profile - Liz Hingley

Liz Hingley explains why she joined the RSA and the importance of inter-generational communication:

## North

The next City network in Manchester will meet at the **Modern Bar, Urbis** on **Thursday 13 August**.

The topic of discussion for this meeting is the **Portico Library** and how Fellows can help to expand its remit and get its members and local people more involved and engaged. For further details about this project and if you would like to get involved please contact [Viv Long-Ferguson](#).

You can see more details about the Fellows project and more information about the Manchester region on the [Ning network](#).

## South

### RSA

Join architect Eric Parry at the final RSA Thursday of the summer, a case study of *The renewal of St Martin in the Fields* as he discusses the challenges of place-making within a culturally sensitive context, and considers how social spaces can be designed to support community building. The lecture starts at **1.00pm on Thursday 30 July**.

Don't forget that if you cannot attend, you can always [listen live](#) to the event. Alternatively, you can subscribe to our [podcast](#) for past events and watch filmed events on [RSA Vision](#).

You can also follow RSA Events on [Twitter](#).

For further information about activities in the South East and South Central region please contact [Olivia Rainford](#).

## East

The Norwich network meets every other month, and the Chelmsford project group meets monthly. Please contact [Clare Reilly](#) with any questions.

I am a young British photographer, curator, workshop director and founding member of the **Commission for Youth Social Enterprise** in the UK. Through my documentary photographic projects and workshops, I aim to initiate dialogue and understanding for socially marginalised communities. My projects focus on such subjects as homelessness around Europe, Japanese teenagers and young social Entrepreneurs.

My most recent work called 'Under Gods', stories from Soho Road, explores inter-faith living along one street in Birmingham. I documented over eight different religions from Rastafarians to Thai Buddhists. The project is currently being shown in the Wolverhampton Museum and Art Gallery. Building on this work I have developed 'Inter Faith Creative Workshops'. These aim to promote inter faith relations through the arts to a broad audience. The workshops will bring together individuals from the different faith communities in the local area to explore each other's religions through photography and poetry. The individuals will then curate an exhibition themselves and discuss their experiences within their own communities and through the media.

I joined the RSA to be part of a Fellowship of people who inspire me and from whom I could learn and possibly collaborate with on projects. I am excited to be part of a well-respected organisation, which combines the arts, social enterprise and business. I want my creative projects to work within these different sectors and break down the boundaries between them. For example I would like to increase the work I am doing with businesses and charities documenting their projects by using photographic medium to get their message across and running workshops to bring together groups of employees through the arts.

As a younger Fellow I would like to offer a fresh perspective to the RSA. I am keen to work with other Fellows who feel they could use my photography skills. I would also like to see a mentoring scheme established between younger and older Fellows with similar interests, in which all parties would benefit.

I want to improve relations between generations. I feel this would tackle many of the social issues we face. In our society we have a tendency to socialise and work with people of our own age groups. However I believe the greatest and most beneficial friendships and business relationships can be made between older and younger people. At Her Majesty's Treasury in 2007, with support from The Cabinet Office, twenty other young social entrepreneurs and myself launched the **Commission for Youth Social Enterprise**. The Commission helps organisations run genuinely youth-led programmes and equips young people to make a lasting positive impact on their world.

I am seeking Fellows with an interest in **Inter Faith Dialogue** to collaborate with/support the project 'Under Gods'. So please **get in touch**.

*If you know any inspiring Fellows who would be suitable for a profile please **contact us** and let us know their name and details.*



#### Who to Contact at the RSA

To find out exactly which staff member you should contact at the RSA please see the **contacts page** on the RSA website.

#### And finally...

We hope you enjoyed this issue of the newsletter. We want this to work for you so please let us know your thoughts about the content and format.

#### Nominate a Fellow

Fellows are passionate about joining forces to achieve positive change. Do you know more like minded people – optimistic, innovative and engaged – who can help us build a better society together? Please **nominate them** to join! You will need to log-in and have your membership number handy to complete the form.

#### Any news?

Communicating the activities of the Fellowship is the first step to creating the Fellowship network. As an RSA Fellow if there is anything you are doing in your area which other Fellows should know about and can get involved in, please **contact us**.

## Wales/West

For activities in the region please contact **Chris Luffingham** or see **here** for more events and contacts in the area.

## Scotland

Come along to the Edinburgh city network on **Thursday 30 July**. We will be there from 5.00pm-7.00pm at **Le Monde**. Feel free to drop in and out as you can make it.

Please **email** Judith Friedman with any queries about regional activities.

## International

### USA

This month, at the Guggenheim Museum, New York, David van der Leer led an after-hours tour of the stunning **Frank Lloyd Wright: From Within Outward** exhibition. The **Washington DC Fellows' Meeting: Strategy with Passion** was led by Chris MacNulty, strategic adviser to Fortune Global 500 companies and the US Department of Defense.

Read about events and discussions at the **American Coffee House**. New posts include: **Helping Young Architects Get Started** by Brian Carter in Buffalo; an invitation to a New York conference by Michael Goodman: **Tomorrow's Investor: Proxy Reform**, and, borrowed from Jeff de Cagna in Reston, Virginia, **What would be your Trip to the Moon?** Have we lost our ability to Dream?

Please contact **Lynn Broadbent**, US Fellowship Director, for further information.

### Australia

The first of a series of meetings organised by RSA A&NZ will take place on **Wednesday 19 August** in Carlton, Melbourne. The topic will be "**A Climate of Change...a Change in Climate?**" with a panel of guest speakers. For more information please see the **RSA A&NZ webpages**.

Should you have any queries about the event, please contact **Leigh-anne Shannon**.

### Brussels

A networking meeting will take place **Wednesday, 29**

know about and can get involved in, [please contact us](#).

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July, 6.00-8.00pm, at The Renaissance Hotel (Rue du Parnasse, 19) in Brussels. Three members of staff from the Fellowship Networks team will be attending and available to answer any queries. If you are in the area and wish to attend please email [Georgina Browes](#).